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KOREA ANNEXED.

JAPAN'S INEVITABLE ACT.

A TURNING POINT IN HISTORY.

POWERS RAISE NO OBJECTIONS.

LONDON, Aug. 25. Japan has annexed Korea. The Convention of Annexation has been signed by Japan and Korea, and will be proclaimed on August 30.

Great Britain was cognisant of the intention of Japan to annex Korea, and did not offer any objection politically. She is unable to oppose the commercial effect of the step which the conditions accompanying the annexation comes in the natural sequence of events. The economic consequences of the annexation will be discussed at the forthcoming negotiations for a treaty of commerce between Germany and Japan.

Comments of the Press.

AN INEVITABLE STEP.

A WORD FOR THE KOREANS.

The "Times," in commenting upon what it terms "Japan's momentous decision," says: "Japan had heretofore the option of withdrawing from the mainland. She holds the Liaoting Peninsula and the South Manchuria railway on which, since 1905, the terminable after a term of years, and the magnitude of the annexation is not necessarily permanent.

"Some Japanese regard the change with misgiving, but the railway projects in North Korea show that Japan was aware of her new and grave responsibilities. Nevertheless, her claim on Korea, and China undertook the responsibility for internal reform. Every step since has been consecutive and inevitable."

The "Times" trusts that the "Statesman" of Japan will return to the world with much expectancy, and some anxiety. It would be deplorable if the original inhabitants were submerged under Japanese immigration. Japanese expansion is doubtless a political and economic necessity, but the annexation will fall to win the approval of a civilized nation unless it is also proof of the material advantage of the people, unworldly, and not unlikely to be of Korea."

COMMERCIAL INTERESTS.

PREVENTION OF MISUNDERSTANDING.

The "Morning Post" writes that the change is more nominal than real. Doubtless Japan consulted all the Powers before treaties with Korea, and arrangements will naturally be made to safeguard all foreign interests.

The "Daily Mail" declares that it is of the utmost importance that the British Government should satisfy themselves and the country regarding the commercial aspect of the annexation. There should be no opening for any of those mischievous speculations which increased the difficulties of the Japanese in Manchuria.

FATE OF SMALL PEOPLES.

SWALLOWED UP BY GREAT POWERS.

The "Daily News" points out that the annexation of Korea there could be no more complete illustration of the destiny which, under the conditions governing international relations, is reserved for small nations. It is a sad fate, but it is a fate which is not new. It is a fate which is not new. It is a fate which is not new.

The "Daily Graphic" emphasizes the tremendous significance of the annexation of Korea as a turning point in Far Eastern history. Japan is now a Continental State, with a frontier little beyond a day's journey from Peking.

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VINDICATING AUSTRALIA.

PUBLICATION IN LONDON.

REMOVING MISCONCEPTIONS.

LONDON, Aug. 25. The "Financial News" is publishing a series of articles entitled "Australia Today," with a view to removing English misconceptions of Australia.

The first article, which deals with the population, states that the natural increase of births over deaths is more favourable than in almost any other civilized country, and is far in advance of the United Kingdom. The death-rate of the Commonwealth is probably the lowest in the world, with the exception of New Zealand.

Whatever the comparative stagnation of population may be, the article continues, the fault does not lie with a country offering as many attractions to the prospective settler as any other part of the British domain.

THE DAVIS CUP.

AMERICAN TEAM SELECTION.

LONDON, Aug. 24. The "New York Herald" states that W. A. Larned will probably lead the American team to play for the Davis Cup in Australia. The team will possibly include M'Loughlin, M. H. Long, and Beals Wright.

The team mentioned above would be very formidable. Larned has been the singles champion of the United States for several years, and is one of the best players in the world. Beals Wright would, doubtless, be the second representative in singles. They may, however, be only included for the doubles, possibly to keep Larned and Wright fresh for the second round of the tournament.

REALS WRIGHT DEFEATED.

Thomas Bundy of Los Angeles, defeated Beals Wright in the tennis singles at Rhodes Island.

RUSSIAN ORDNANCE.

UNFOUNDED COMPLAINTS.

LONDON, Aug. 25. In reference to complaints by the Russian press, that despite an assurance to the Duma that home construction would be favoured, orders for new ordnance have been given to Krupp's of Germany, the "Novoye Vremya" asserts that only the Russian Government is to be held responsible for the matter, and that not in Germany, but in Russia.

GERMAN DEFICIT.

A BIG REDUCTION.

LONDON, Aug. 25. Some time ago the deficit in the German finances would be, it was stated, £12,000,000. It is now estimated that the deficit will be £6,250,000. The reduction is owing to an increase of £3,500,000 in the Customs revenue, and a nominal reduction in expenditure.

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WOMEN'S LEAGUE IN HER DEFENCE.

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Hundreds of women leaped themselves together to defend her, and named a committee to engage eminent counsel to plead her case.

Mamie M'Loughlin was put on trial at New Orleans, and the efforts of the counsel engaged by the women were such that she was acquitted.

REVISION OF TARIFF.

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DACCA CONSPIRATORS.

TREATED AS KENNEL.

USE OF SHIP'S CREW.

MELBOURNE, Thursday. The Federal Attorney-General made a statement to-day regarding section 10 of the Navigation Bill, which deals with the employment of the crew, in loading or unloading vessels. He pointed out that under the section foreign ships cannot use their crew for loading or unloading, but are permitted to do so by regulation or by order. On the other hand, the crews of Australian coastal trading ships may do so, unless prohibited by order. The bill contemplates that the crews of foreign ships, who are employed in loading or unloading, should be treated as kennels, and that the crews of Australian coastal trading ships should be treated as ship's crew.

The accused at behind the bars of the dock in careless attitudes, their arms entwining the necks of their companions, and laughing and joking.

The prosecution has produced another agent who sponsored the inner council of the conspiracy. He testified that he was told that British rule in India would cease before five years had elapsed, and that there would be a native king.

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LONDON, Aug. 24. The Hamburg-American Steamship Line has ordered from Blohm and Voos, Hamburg, a 9000-ton Atlantic liner fitted with the latest internal combustion engines of the Diesel type.

The Diesel oil engine has been on the market for some considerable time, and is well known to engineers. It operates on the principle of injecting under high pressure the oil only, consisting of crude or heavy oil—into the cylinder. The ordinary engine draws the oil into the cylinder after it has been vaporised.

THE CELLAR TRAGEDY.

TRIAL TO BE EXPEDITED.

LONDON, Aug. 25. It has been arranged that Crippen and Neve will appear before the Bow-street Police Court, and their trial expedited, as there are several witnesses from America to be examined.

THE NAVIGATION BILL.

USE OF SHIP'S CREW.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL EXPLAINS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday. The Federal Attorney-General made a statement to-day regarding section 10 of the Navigation Bill, which deals with the employment of the crew, in loading or unloading vessels. He pointed out that under the section foreign ships cannot use their crew for loading or unloading, but are permitted to do so by regulation or by order. On the other hand, the crews of Australian coastal trading ships may do so, unless prohibited by order. The bill contemplates that the crews of foreign ships, who are employed in loading or unloading, should be treated as kennels, and that the crews of Australian coastal trading ships should be treated as ship's crew.

The accused at behind the bars of the dock in careless attitudes, their arms entwining the necks of their companions, and laughing and joking.

The prosecution has produced another agent who sponsored the inner council of the conspiracy. He testified that he was told that British rule in India would cease before five years had elapsed, and that there would be a native king.

REVISION OF TARIFF.

PRESIDENT TAFT'S DECLARATION.

LONDON, Aug. 24, 2:15 p.m. President Taft, in the handbook of the Republican campaign for the Congress elections, favours a revision of separate schedules of the tariff upon the basis of the estimates of the Tariff Commission of the costs of production at home and abroad.

President Taft declares that the estimates of American producers can no longer be taken as a basis for the tariff.

CONCILIATING THE FACTORS.

PRESIDENT'S SHREWDE MOVE.

LONDON, Aug. 25. The proposal of President Taft to re-frame when necessary certain specified schedules which he admits need revision, is regarded as a shrewd move to conciliate the interests of the "regulars" of the Republican party.

THE OSBORNE JUDGMENT.

LABOUR MEMBER'S ADVICE.

LONDON, Aug. 24. Mr. S. Walsh, M.P. (Labour), addressing his constituents at Hinder, Lancashire, described the Osborne judgment as disgraceful.

He advised his constituents to defy the law. He himself was prepared to undergo imprisonment for contempt. The Christian martyrs underwent punishment and suffered death, and similarly the labour movement would rise emboldened and purified.

THE KINGSDAY TRAGEDY.

CHARGE OF MURDER.

LONDON, Aug. 24. James Hamilton Nicholas, who recently returned from New Zealand, where he had been an inmate of an asylum, has been committed for trial on a charge of murdering his father, a retired major in the Medical Corps at Kingsford, Cornwall.

LONG STRIKE ENDED.

STEEL WORKERS IN AMERICA.

LONDON, Aug. 25. Nineteen months ago 7000 men, employed by the Steel Corporation, in the United States in their works in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana, went on strike. They have been on strike for months, but will return to work on Saturday.

AUTOMOBILE AND TRAIN.

FATAL COLLISION.

LONDON, Aug. 24. An automobile collided with a train when passing over a level crossing at Long Island.

THREE people were killed and two seriously injured.

WOOL-COMBING WAGES BOARD.

ADJOURNED INDEFINITELY.

LONDON, Aug. 24. The Wool-combing Wages Board sitting at Bradford has not been able to settle the demand for increased wages, and has adjourned indefinitely.

VICTORIAN IMMIGRATION.

EFFORTS IN DEVONSHIRE.

LONDON, Aug. 25. Mr. McKenna, Minister for Lands, and Mr. Mead, Immigration, the immigration delegation from Victoria, visited Devonshire, yesterday.

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